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SUBJECT:MTN MINISTERIAL

REFTEL: MTN GENEVA 5907

1. PLEASE HAND DELIVER AN ADVANCE COPY AND DISCUSS WITH
D.G. LONG THE FOLLOWING LETTER WHICH STR IS MAILING HIM
TODAY. STR WILL APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE AS TO REACTION:

HIS EXCELLENCY OLIVIER LONG

DIRECTOR GENERAL

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

LE BOGAGE

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

DEAR MR. DIRECTOR GENERAL:

THE DECEMBER 1975 TNC MEETING ACHIEVED A CONSENSUS THAT
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1977 SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AS THE GOAL FOR CONCLUDING THE

CURRENT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. THIS IS INDEED A WORTHY GOAL SINCE THE TALKS WILL SOON HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY FOR THREE FULL YEARS. FAILURE TO ACHIEVE THE PROMISE AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION WILL DETRACT FROM THE STRENGTH AND STABILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE SYSTEM

WHICH HAS EVOLVED UNDER THE GATT LEADERSHIP.

FURTHERMORE, THE PROSPECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONDITIONS THAT ARE PROJECTED FOR 1977 ADD TO THE LOGIC OF TRYING TO ACHIEVE A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION BY THE END OF THAT YEAR.

TO SOLIDIFY THE COMMITMENT TO 1977, I SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSIDER ISSUING A CALL EARLY IN SEPTEMBER FOR A MINISTER-IAL-LEVEL TNC TO CONVENE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF NEXT MARCH. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WILL BE TO OBTAIN THE FIRM POLITICAL DIRECTION FOR THE FINAL MONTHS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS THE APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVES FOR THE NEGOTIATORS.

I BELIEVE THAT SUPPORT FOR THIS CONCEPT WOULD COME FROM THE JAPANESE AND THAT THE EC MAY ALSO DO SO EARLY IN SEPTEMBER.

I AM CONVINCED THAT A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE MTN WILL BE ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP, AND WANT TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS OBJECTIVE. I STAND READY TO DISCUSS THIS SUGGESTION WITH YOU, BUT DID WANT TO PASS IT ON FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF YOUR HOLIDAY. SINCERELY YOURS, FREDERICK B. DENT.

2. RE PARA 1 REFTTEL SUGGEST WE MAINTAIN CURRENT POSITION OF OF QUOTE DO NOT CURRENTLY SEE NEED FOR FALL TNC, BUT ENTIRELY WILLING TO REVIEW IN LIGHT OF RESULTS OF SURVEY ON SUBJECT BY LONG OR PATTERSON UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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